December 8, 2021 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for December 8, 2021. Barren River Lake is being drained slowly to reach winter pool. On 12/8, the lake level was 530.7'. Due to the recent warm fronts moving through the areas, cranes have been observed migrating through resulting in lower numbers compared to the previous week in both areas. Hardin County has plenty of harvested crop fields with an increase in flooded roost ponds due to the high amount of rain.

The Kentucky 2021-22 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2021 and runs until January 31, 2022. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time afield.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	10 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (12/8): 530.7 and draining slowly.
12/8/2021		
Hardin County	20 Sandhill Cranes	
12/7/2021		